Statehood for Pondicherry

1665. SHKI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be please^ to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pondicherry Administration '" has requested the Central Government for granting Statehood to the Union Territory of Pondicherry;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Legislative Assembly of Pondicherry has also passed a resolution in this regard; and

(c) if so, what is Central Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly of Pondicherry has been noted.

Assent to Assam Rural Employment and Plantation Labour Welfare Bill, 1986

1666. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) when the Assam Government sent the Assam Rural Employment and Plantation Labour Welfare_Bill(1936 to the Ministry of Home" Affairs for obtaining the assent of the Hon'ble President;

(b) whethee assent of the Hon'ble President has since heen obtained, if so, on which date; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor and by when it will be obtained?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The Assam Rural Employment and " Plantation Labour Welfare Bill, 1986, . was received in the Ministry of Home Affairs on 26th February. 1987.

(b) Not yet, Sir.

(c) The Bill was examined in consultation with ths concerned Central Ministries. Certain clarifications were sought from the Government of Assam; these have been icceivcri. It is not possible to indicate any definite date by which a decision on the Bill is likely to "be taken.

Problems of Small Scale Industry .

1667. SHRI D. B CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE he pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a Task Force to examine the problems of small scale industry;

(b) if so. what is the composition of the Task Force; and

(c) by when the Task Force is likely to submit its report to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEI-RO): (a) to (c) Detailed guidelines from RBI to the commercial banks already exist for providing adequate and timely credit facilities to small scale industries. RBI also have **a** Standing Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Deputy Governor, RBI to review the flow of institutional credit to sma'l scale industry sector and other related matters.

With **a** view to looking into the problems raised by small scale entrepreneurs at a meeting of Young Entrepreneurs held at Bombay on- Sept. 21, 1988, a Task Force under the Chairmanship of IDBI Chairman was set up. The Task Force is expected to submit its report soon.